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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of this Body wish to congratulate Elder Charles Mason Ford, Pastor of the St. Paul Church of God in Christ of Chicago, on being selected to be Auxiliary Bishop of the Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, Charles Mason Ford was born on January 3, 1936 in Chicago to Bishop L.H. Ford and Margaret Little Ford; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ford served his church for several decades as its radio broadcast announcer, known as the "voice of St. Paul"; he served First Jurisdiction-Illinois as the Director of Urban Ministries and as Director of the "They Shall Be Fed Program" which distributed emergency food through 90 interdenominational churches; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ford was ordained by his father, Bishop L.H. Ford, in 1982; in 1989, he was appointed Church of God in Christ, National Director of Urban Ministries; he was later appointed to represent the Church of God in Christ on the Board of Directors of the Congress of National Black Churches; he was selected Chairman of the Audit and Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Ford served at St. Paul as Assistant Pastor and then as Pastor in 1995; in 1997, he was appointed Superintendent of the Bishop Louis Henry Ford Memorial District; he was selected to serve on the Jurisdiction's Board of Directors and on the Board of Directors of the Jurisdiction's not-for-profit Moriah Corporation, which is responsible for its outreach and social service ministries; in 1999, he was appointed to the office of Administrative Assistant to Bishop Ocie Booker, Prelate of First Jurisdiction-Illinois; and

WHEREAS, In November of 2000, he was chosen by the General

1 Assembly of the Church of God in Christ to be a member of the  
2 National Board of Trustees; his colleagues selected him to be  
3 the Chairman of the Board; he was recommended to become  
4 Auxiliary Bishop in 2001 and approved in May of 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Bishop Ford is a retired public servant; he was  
6 the Deputy Commissioner of the City of Chicago's Department of  
7 Human Services, where he helped administer social services,  
8 community organizing, pre-school, and emergency service  
9 programs; and

10 WHEREAS, Bishop Ford's motto for the church is "A full time  
11 ministry, ministering full time to the entire family"; he has  
12 successfully negotiated and received government funding to  
13 build a 60-unit independent living senior citizens housing  
14 complex and a 24-unit building to house the disabled and their  
15 families; he has renovated a former CHA building to house St.  
16 Paul Community Development Ministries programs in the new St.  
17 Paul Family and Community Center; and

18 WHEREAS, Bishop Charles Ford has been married for 47 years  
19 to Marlene Rochelle (Ringer) Ford; they are the parents of 5  
20 children, Elder Kevin, Louis, Jacqueline, Christi, and Corey,  
21 and grandparents of 7, Jeremy, Sharon, Charles, Brian, Mason,  
22 Kevin, and Brandon; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
24 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
25 congratulate Bishop Charles Ford on being selected to be  
26 Auxiliary Bishop of the Church of God in Christ; and be it  
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
29 presented to Bishop Charles Ford as an expression of our  
30 esteem.